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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1969

THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

COUNCIL OFFICES,
CROSS STREET, LEES,
NR. OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

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31st August, 1970.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for 1969 and hope that this will again be found useful as a source of reference.

The mid-year estimated population of 3,780 was an increase of 90 over the 1968 figure. There were 87 live births an increase of 16 over the 1968 figure, to give an adjusted birth rate of 28.3, compared with the National Rate of 16.3. There were 4 infant deaths under 1 year to give an Infant Mortality Rate of 46 compared with a National Rate of 18 per 1000 births. In Lees due to the size of the district individual figures tend to produce more variation than in larger areas, and statistical data must be looked at over a number of years. However the birth rate is rising slowly, probably the result of new housing developments within the area.

A total of 77 deaths were registered during the year an increase of 13 over the 1968 figure giving an adjusted rate of 13.1. The main causes of death, were Cerebrovascular disease, diseases of heart and circulation and various malignant diseases.

There was again a decrease in the Notification of Infectious Disease during the year, 7 cases only being notified. Once again no cases of diphtheria, acute poliomyelitis or smallpox were notified, but parents are reminded that to ensure this state, itis essential to maintain adequate immunisation of their children a 70-80% level of children to be in a fully immunised state must be aimed for.

During the year, your Public Health Inspector took part in discussion with neighbouring Authorities on Regional Refuse Disposal, but as yet no absolute decision has been made on the extent of Regional Incineration schemes between the Authorities.

In recent months, the second Green Paper on Reorganisation of the Health Services, the Local Authority Social Service Act, have all been published, but as far as one can ascertain at present the Environmental Health Services are likely to remain underthe Local Authority.

In conclusion, I must thank the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee, the Clerk, the Public Health Inspector and Staff of the Health Department for their continued assistance, support and loyalty during the year, including their help in preparation of this report. I would also extend my thanks to Mr. F. A. Cropper who retired as Clerk to the Council in December, 1969, for his willing assistance, which he always extended to myself and the Staff of the Health Department.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Brackenridge,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

(1) Area in acres 288

Population

Census 1961 3,730

Estimated Mid-1969 3,780

Number of Inhabited Houses

Estimated 1969 1,680

Rateable Value £112,989

Sum represented by Penny Rate £440

General Rate per Pound 1969/70 ..... 13/5d.

(Reduced Rate for Mixed Hereditments ..... 12/10d.)
(Reduced Rate for Dwelling Houses ..... 12/2d.)

(2) General Characteristics and Social Conditions of the District.

Situated between the eastern boundary of the County Borough of Oldham and the western boundary of the Urban District of Saddleworth, the Urban District of Lees is located on the Westerly slopes of the Pennines. The joint Lees and Saddleworth Urban District boundaries also form the County boundary between Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The development of the district centred originally around the cotton mills, only three of which are now in production. Four factories in addition to the three cottom mills, together with the sale of retail com odities from shops mainly centred upon the High Street area, provide the main source of employment within the District.

Two major roads serve the district. The A.62 trunk road from Liverpool to Hull passes through North Ward, whilst High Street (A.669) passes through the Central and South Wards.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total) 87

	Males	Females
Legitimate	39	41
Illegitimate	1	6

Live Births Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 23.0
Adjusted Rate 28.3

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of live births 8.0%

Stillbirths ..... Nil
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and still births ..... Nil
Total live and stillbirths 87
Infant deaths (under 1 year) 4

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total Infant deaths per 1000 total live births 46
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate Live Births 50
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate Live Births ..... Nil
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births) 34
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) 34
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total Live and still births) 34
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion) ..... NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths ..... NIL

Total deaths (all ages) 77

Death rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 20.4
Adjusted Rate 13.1

Principal Causes of Deaths :-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation 31
Cancer all sites 15
Diseases of Repiratory System 8
Cerebrovascular Disease 16

Comparability Factor

This factor takes into account the age and sex structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole, and makes it possible to compare local birth and death rates with the corresponding National rates.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

		1969	1968	1964	1960	1955
		3,780	3,690	3,680	3,890	4,160
Live Births	No.	87	71	71	44	59
	Adj. Rate	28.3	23.6	23.7	12.4	16.0
Stillbirths	No.	Nil	1	1	1	1
	Rate	Nil	14	13.9	22.2	17
Total Live and Stillbirths	No.	87	72	72	45	60
Total Infant Deaths	No.	4	0	1	2	1
	Rate	46	Nil	14.1	45.5	17
Maternal Deaths	No.	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	No.	77	64	74	59	68
	Adj. Rate	13.1	12.8	17.7	15.8	15.9

CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes	M	F	1969 Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	3	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	7	19
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	3	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	13	16
Other diseases of Circulatory system	1	4	5
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	3	6
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour	1	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal mortality	2	-	2
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
	34	43	77

DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS

	M.	F.	1969	1968	1967	1963	1958
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Under 1	4	-	4	-	3	1	2
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
25-	2	-	2	-	1	) 2	) 1
35-	-	-	-	2	3	)	)
45-	2	-	2	1	1	) 10	) 17
55-	7	9	16	7	10	)	)
65-	10	7	17	25	24	23	13
Over 75-	9	27	36	29	37	27	20
	34	43	77	64	80	64	53

INFANT MORTALITY - 1969

There were 4 infant deaths during the year.

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS - COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1969	1968	1967	1963	1958
STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1000 total births	Nil	13	Nil	15.9	22.7
NEO-NATAL RATE (per 1000 live births)	34	Nil	31	Nil	23.5
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 live births)	46	Nil	46	16.1	46.5

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1969 (Other than Tuberculosis)

	Total cases at all ages	Notified cases in age groups (Total)											Removed to Hospital	Deaths
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-		
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	5	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	-	2	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEARLY TOTALS.

	1969	1968	1967	1963	1958
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	2	4	3	6
Measles	5	8	42	25	8
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	1	3	35	22
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia +	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas +	-	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia +	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice *	1	1	-	-	-
Totals ...	7	14	51	65	36

* Notifiable from 1st June, 1968.
\+ Not Notifiable after 30th September, 1968.

CASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1969.

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1		-	-	-		-	

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1969.

The full list of Infectious Diseases notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health is as follows:-

Anthrax	Paratyphoid Fever
Cholera	Plague
Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis (acute)
Dysentery	Relapsing Fever
Encephalitis (acute)	Scarlet Fever
Food Poisoning	Smallpox
Infective Jaundice	Tetanus
Leprosy	Tuberculosis
Leptospirosis	Typhoid Fever
Malaria	Whooping Cough
Measles	Yellow Fever
Meningitis (acute)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum

General: During 1969 there were only 7 cases of Infectious Disease notified the lowest total for some years.

Measles

Only 5 cases were reported but this was probably due to the fact that the incidence of Measles was in a quiescent phase during this period rather than to any effect of a limited vaccination programme. Measles vaccine is now available at the local clinic and through the general practitioner.

Infective Jaundice

This disease is now notifiable and 1 case was notified during 1969.

Dysentery and Food Poisoning

No actual cases of these diseases were notified during the year. The Diseases have however, considerable nuisance value and some of the Public Health Inspectors time is spent in investigating these diseases from suspected cases.

Tuberculosis

Only 1 new case of this disease was notified during the year. At present there are 12 cases on the Register.

Pathological Specimens

A total of 14 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Withington, during the year.

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Services under the National Health Service Act and related legislation are provided by Lancashire County Council. For these purposes, Lees forms part of Health Division No. 14. The Divisional Health Offices is situated at 'Tylon', Middleton Road, Chadderton (Tel: 061-624-6251).

A Medical Officer (Departmental) is based part time at High Street Clinic.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Mrs. F.H.M. Hughes of 7 Fern Close, Off Bridge Street, Springhead (061-624-0839) is employed as Midwife to serve the district. Relief duties are carried out by other midwives as necessary.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-natal clinics are held at the High Street Clinic, Lees, on the second and fourth Monday in each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Tel: 061-624-4373).

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Mrs. E. Lindley, Health Visitor can be contacted at the High Street Clinic, Lees from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. each afternoon.

Clinics are held as follows:-

Child Health	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday
Dental	9 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday

Welfare foods are obtainable at the Child Welfare Sessions at the High Street Clinic.

HOME NURSING.

District Nursing service is provided by Health Division No. 14 and the District Nurse living within this area is Mrs. A. Welsby of 130, Spring Lane, Lees (Tel: 061-624-9622).

A male nurse is available in certain cases.

MENTAL HEALTH

A staff of Mental Welfare Officers who are based at Divisional Health Office, work in co-operation with hospital staffs and general practitioners in all mental welfare matters.

CHIROPODY SERVICES

Chiropody Clinics are held at the High Street Clinic every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with the occasional Tuesday morning when demand calls.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

The Ambulance service is administered by Health Division No. 14 and is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Whitefield (Tel: 061-766-6666).

HOME HELP SERVICES

Home helps are available to attend households where necessary, in cases of confinement, illnesses, old age and infirmity. Applications for the services of a home help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office, "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton (Tel: 061-624-6251).

WELFARE SERVICES.

Residential accommodation for elderly persons in need of care and attention, not otherwise available is provided by the County Council in eight homes for the elderly in Division 14.

The Statutory Services - Health Visitors, Home Nurses, Home Helps and Chiropody Services co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing 'meals on wheels', Home Visiting, etc.

CHILDRENS ACT 1948.

Statutory services under this act related legislation are carried out by the Lancashire County Council at the Childrens Department, Enville House, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel: ASH 2933).

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES

The Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham and District General Hospital provide all general Hospital services for this district, Infectious disease cases are usually admitted to Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham and District General Hospital provides facilities for examination of residents of this district.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Disease are available at:-

District Infirmary, Ashton	Tel: ASH 1611
Oldham & District General Hospital	Tel: 061-624-0420.

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These include:-

Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning)
Control of food and food preparing premises.
Provision of suitable water supplies.
Detection and prevention of nuisance
Prevention of atmospheric pollution
Control of rodent and insect infestation
Collection and disposal of refuse
Provision of sanitary accommodation and public conveniences.

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees,
Oldham.

31st August, 1970.

Report of the Public Health Inspector.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

May I submit herewith the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the district and the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended 31st December, 1969.

Progress has been achieved with the demolition and clearance of unfit houses, and the completion of the 26 flatlets with Wardens accommodation at Lees House has provided much needed new accommodation for several of the persons rehoused. Eight single bedroom bungalows were completed at Wrigley Square and became tenanted early in the year.

Consideration is now being given to the extension of the Further Hey Estate, together with the possibility of redeveloping the Providence House Site for housing purposes.

The Refuse Collection weekly service has again been maintained throughout the year due to good work by the collection team of three men. With the volume of refuse for disposal increasing at a marked rate, the life of the existing tipping site is unlikely to exceed 1970. Consideration is to be given to the new site at Birks Quarry. The Study Group (of nearby authorities) set up in 1969 to consider the question of future refuse disposal operations in the area had not finalised any report by the end of the year.

Further details of the routine work of the year are embodied in the subsequent pages.

May I extend my thanks to the Medical Officer, Officials and Members of the Council for help and co-operation during the year; particularly to Mr. F.A. Cropper, Clerk of the Council who retired at the end of December after twenty years service with the Authority.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Rustidge,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The district does not operate a sewage disposal works, the foul drainage from the district being discharged into the adjoining Authority's sewering system by agreement with Oldham County Borough. The rate of flow is measured by Recording Apparatus at the three junctions to the Oldham County Borough Sewers: the sewage receives treatment at the Oldham Disposal works at Slacks Valley within the Urban District of Chadderton.

Surface water sewers convey surface water to the river Medlock at various points within the district. Thornley Brook also received surface water and discharges into the Medlock at Holts.

111 new dwellings were connected to the sewer system during the year, the separate system of drainage being provided wherever possible.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained throughout the year by a team of two loaders and a driver/loader operating a diesel engined vehicle.

A rear loading S. & D. 'fore and aft' collection vehicle effects the collection service, the vehicle having a 20 cu. yd. capacity refuse body. Some 1,210 loads of domestic refuse and 134 loads of trade refuse were disposed of a Tip Sites during the year,

Controlled tipping with levelling and covering by mechanical appliance has been maintained during the year, No tins are recovered for salvage. Satisfactory arrangements with a local motor vehicle dismantler have been continued, ensuring the disposal of derelict and unserviceable motor vehicles in the district.

Dustbin replacement for existing properties is provided for by the Rate Fund. 98 replacement dustbins were issued during 1969, the type of bin supplied being the mild steel galvanised type with rubber lid, and a capacity of 2½ cu. ft. The number of moveable dustbins was estimated as 1,818 at the end of 1969.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained employee having attended a Ministry of Agriculture Training Course carried out rodent control operations on a part-time basis. Complaints are given prompt attention: survey and inspection work is carried out throughout the district at regular intervals.

Two sewer maintenance treatments were carried out during the year, results showing a low infestation rate in the system.

125 rodent infestations were recorded during the year and successfully received treatment. Warfarin resistance was still encountered in some of the 58 mice infestations. The use of Alphachloralose, coumatetrol and trapping are now regularly used for mice infestations.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

All dwellings within the district are served by the water carriage system. There are approximately 272 dwellings without separate fresh water closet accommodation and 25 waste water closets remain to be converted or taken out.

Number of waste water closets, end 1969	25
Number of conversions during the year	4
Number of fresh water closets	1,888
Number of houses on water carriage system	1,680

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Twelve observations were taken on the three chimneys serving industrial furnaces in the district. Informal procedure achieved the remedy of a fault on oil burner apparatus at one boiler installation. A proposal is in hand to convert the hand fired Lancashire boilers at one cotton mill by means of mechanical stokers.

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the district is served with Upland Surface Water by the West Pennine Water Board. The water is filtered at its source and sterilized by the Chloramine process.

Five domestic water samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All were reported as satisfactory.

Arrangements were continued by the Local Authority for the cleansing of branch service pipes serving several blocks of dwellings.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The controlling Authority for the streams in the area is the Mersey and Weaver Authority, the two larger streams being the River Medlock and Thornley Brook (Wood Brook).

Unauthorised tipping of miscellaneous material continued into these main water courses necessitating continuous inspection and cleansing of the river beds.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

During 1969, 1106 visits were made to 729 premises, namely:-

574 dwellinghouses
114 shops
5 schools
36 factories.

In dwellinghouses, 169 defects or nuisances were discovered and 140 of these were remedied. 8 Statutory Abatement Notices were served in order to ensure that the necessary repairs were carried out, together with 121 Informal Notices. In the majority of cases, informal notices obtained a satisfactory remedy.

DISINFESTATION.

16 dwellings (4 Council and 12 other dwellings) in the district were found to be infested to a minor degree. Each was cleared satisfactorily with the use of contact insecticides (powder, liquid and/or smoke generators).

SCHOOLS.

There are 4 schools in the district. Each is served with mains water supply and connected to the drainage system.

FACTORIES

There are 20 factories in the district to which 35 visits were made. It was necessary to serve Informal Notices under the Act, the defects were found to be remedied upon reinspection.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES.

No new registrations were made during the year. Inspections of all registered premises were made.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises reg. during the year.	No. of Reg. premises at end of year.	No. of Reg. premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	2	2
Retail Shops	-	27	27
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	7	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	2
Total	-	39	39

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district	2,063	1
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	125	3
No. of above infested by:- rats	38	3
mice	58	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	75	2
No. of above infested by :- rats	-	-
mice	5	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Selling of food stuffs is the main type of trade carried out by the shops in the district, 55 out of the total of 83 shops selling food for human consumption.

The following list sets out the various food trades:-

General grocers and provisions dealers	24
Greengrocers and fruiterers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	5
Bakers and/or confectioners	4
Fried fish shops	3
Shops selling sugar confectionery minerals, ice-cream, etc.	3
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar	11
	55

The number of inspections carried out to the above premises totalled 126.

MILK

Licenses for pasteurised, sterilized and untreated milk are issued by the Lancashire County Council.

A total of 24 Milk samples (2 of which were Channel Island Milk) were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

The District Council also submitted 179 samples of milk to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, the majority of these samples being taken as a result of brucella infection being present in one bulk sample. A notice under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 was served by the Medical Officer of Health requiring the heat treatment of the milk supply concerned before sale. The notice was withdrawn when the milk supply was proved to be free from infection.

Ice-cream is not manufactured in the district. The majority of the ice-cream is retailed in wrapped form from registered premises in the area. 5 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, 4 Provisional Grade 1 results were obtained, the remaining one produced no result due to a leakage occurring in the sample container.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are no Slaughter Houses in the district.

SAMPLING OF FOOD

The Lancashire County Council carry out food sampling in the district and the following were obtained during 1969:-

1	Pork Sausages
1	Pork Pies
1	Ice Lolly
1	Meat Pies
1	Nibitane Cream
1	Cough Pastilles B.P.C.
1	Herbal Tonic

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on:-

Pork Sausages	Meat content 69% Contained 130 parts per million sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Vendor Cautioned re preservative
Ice Lolly	Contained one medium brown-coloured human cranial hair 11 centimetres long and 72 microns thick.	Prosecution - Fined £5 Costs £8. 5. 0d.
Meat and Potatoe Pies	Meat content 7.5% Should contain not less than 12.5 or be labelled "Potatoe and Meat Pie".	Bakers cautioned.

HOUSING

1. Number of new houses erected during 1969:-

   (i) By the Local Authority 9 houses 26 flats

   (ii) By other bodies or persons 76 houses.

2. Total number of Council owned dwellings at the end of the year 205.

3. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(i) a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	198
b) Total number of inspections made for the purpose.	289
c) Number of dwelling-houses in a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	131
(ii) Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit (estimated)	170

4. Houses Demolished

	Number	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
Not in clearance areas. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	21	5	4

5. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) 17(1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	13	10	9

6. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by Local Authority	67	Nil
(ii) After formal notice under - (a) Public Health Acts	8	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Acts 1957.	Nil	Nil

7. Number of Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act 1957 NIL

8. Number of Houses purchased by Agreement. NIL

9. Number of Clearance Areas represented 1

10. Housing Act and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and Housing Acts 1969 Improvement Grants.

No applications have been submitted to the Council during the year for Improvement Grants under the above legislation.

The Council have resolved to consider individually any such applications received.

11. Housing Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.
and Housing Acts 1961 and 1964.
Standard Grants.

Action during the year:-	Number of Dwellings or other buildings affected
(i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard.	27
(ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority.	27
(iv) Work completed.	26

The number of Grants paid during the year was 29, total amount being £3,941. 10. 0d.

12. Housing List.

At the end of the year, the requirement for dwellings were as follows:-

92 - 1 bedroom accommodation
69 - 2 " "
30 - 3 " "
1 - 3+ " "

8 known cases of overcrowding existed at the end of the year, several of these being in properties included in the clearance programme.

FACTORIES

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	5	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A.	15	21	12	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	20	35	12	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2) -	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp. (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) (CELLAR)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S7)					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-		-
b) Unsuitable or defective	11	10	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	11	-	-	-

Outworkers

Nature of work (1)	Section 133: No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failing to supply lists (4)	Section 134: No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served. (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
Assembly of Xmas Crackers	1	-	-	-	-	-